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1. On his return from Moscow in 1949*, Tran Van Giau replaced Ho Chi Minh as Cominform propaganda representative in Southeast Asia. Giau also serves as an MGB agent, responsible to Beriya [redacted] 25X1X
2. Giau's Communist brigade on the Burma-Indochina border, the fifth Soviet army for the Far East (sic), is composed of 40,000 troops. [redacted]

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3. Giau recently gave Le Hi 20,000 piasters to finance his trip to Czechoslovakia, where he will act as Giau's agent.**

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Comment. Although Giau was reported to have made several clandestine trips throughout Southeast Asia between his departure from Bangkok in late 1947 and his appointment as Minister of Information in the Ho Chi Minh Government in April 1950, there is no available information to indicate that he has been in Moscow since he studied at the Stalin Institute as a young man.

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** [] Comment. There is no recent information on the relationship between Giau and Le Hi since Le Hi's return to Vietnam from Prague in mid-1950. When the two were in Bangkok in 1947 Le Hi was a supporter of Nguyen Duc Quy and was instrumental in effecting Giau's recall to Vietnam.

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